

I Claim:

1. A system for digital printing comprising:
a digital printer; and
a data processor associated with said digital printer, the data processor capable of receiving a print job in digital form, wherein the data processor determines whether the print job includes a feature requiring the printing of a proof set of the print job and if so it further determines whether the print job requests that certain features should be printed on the proof page.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein the data processor is a raster imaging processor.
3. The system of claim 1 wherein after the data processor determines whether certain information and features should be printed on the proof page the proof set is printed by the digital printer with the feature information on each of the pages of the proof set.
4. The system of claim 3 wherein the feature information is printed in a font different than the font of the principal text of the print job.
5. The system of claim 3 wherein the feature information is printed in a font that is larger than that of the principal text.
6. The system of claim 4 wherein the font is a watermark font in a shade of gray.
7. The system of claim 6 wherein the feature information is rasterized before the principal text, such that the principal text is printed over the feature information.
8. A method of printing a proof set of a document comprising the steps of:
analyzing a print job to determine whether a proof set should be printed;
further analyzing the print job to determine whether any feature information from the print job should be printed on the pages of the proof set; and
rasterizing the pages of the print job and storing the rasterized pages in a raster memory file said file including rasterized information relating to the features;
printing the pages of the proof set with the feature information being printed on the pages of the proof set.
9. The method of claim 8 wherein the feature information is printed in a different font than the text of the print job.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the feature information is printed in a larger font than that used to print the text of the print job.
11. The method of claim 9 wherein the feature information is rasterized before the text of the print job, such that the print job text is printed over the feature information.
12. The method of claim 9 wherein the font is a watermark font in a shade of gray.
13. The method of claim 8 wherein the feature information comprises both job level and page level features.
14. The method of claim 8 wherein every page of the proof set has feature information printed thereon.
15. The method of claim 8 further comprising the steps of:
storing the print job in a hold queue;
releasing the print job from the hold queue upon receipt of operator instructions;
and
printing the print job in final form, suppressing the feature information that was printed on the pages of the proof set.
16. The method of claim 15 wherein the print job is stored in the hold queue after the proof set is printed.